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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE AND FRG
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER

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1. I MET WITH GENSCHER UPON MY ARRIVAL IN BONN. HE
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LAHN.

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2. I FOLLOWED TALKING POINTS IN REFTTEL, ALSO EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR GERMAN REPRESENTATION OF OUR INTERESTS IN THE CONGO AND UGANDA.

3. IN REVIEWING THE RESULTS OF MY VISIT TO AFRICA, I INDICATED THAT I WAS ENCOURAGED BY MY VISIT AND THAT I HOPE THAT, AS A RESULT OF THIS VISIT AND OF WHAT THE FRENCH AND OUR OTHER ALLIES ARE DOING, WE COULD HAVE A GOOD RESULT AT THE OAU SUMMIT. I STRESSED THE NEED FOR COORDINATION AMONG OUR AMBASSADORS IN ADDIS ABABA. I WARNED THAT THERE WAS STILL A WEEK TO GO BEFORE THE SUMMIT AND THAT THE STATES FAVORING THE MPLA WOULD ALSO BE MEETING TO COORDINATE AND REINFORCE THEIR EFFORTS.

4. GENSCHER, CONSULTING FREQUENTLY WITH LAHN, INDICATED THAT THE GERMANS WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL. HE AND GENSCHER REVIEWED THE MESSAGES THAT THEY HAVE SENT TO LIBERIA, GHANA, ZAMBIA AND MALAWI. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE HAD NO MATERIAL RESPONSES YET.

5. GENSCHER AND LAHN ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE SENT MESSAGES TO GHANA, TANZANIA, NIGERIA AND KENYA. THEY SAID THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED A "GOOD REACTION" FROM KENYA. THEY RECEIVED AN UNYIELDING REACTION FROM TANZANIA. THEY WERE INTERESTED TO NOTE THAT THE REACTION FROM NIGERIA WAS MORE DIFFERENTIATED. THE NIGERIANS SAID THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT A UNITED GOVERNMENT IF THE MPLA WAS AT THE CORE. THEY ALSO SAID THEY DID NOT WANT SOVIET DOMINATION BUT THAT THEY WORKED WITH THE MPLA IN ORDER TO PREVENT THAT DOMINATION.

6. GENSCHER SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD ALSO SEND MESSAGES TO MOROCCO AND TUNISIA AND THAT THE FRG WOULD INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ABABA TO WORK WITH US THERE.

7. GENSCHER SAID THAT THE FRG WAS LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN WE APPEARED TO BE. HE SAID THAT THE FRG HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MILITARY VALUE OF THE SOUTH
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AFRICAN PRESENCE IS NOT AS GREAT AS ITS POLITICAL LIABILITY. I REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER THE UNITA FRONT COULD BE HELD WITHOUT THE SOUTH AFRICANS. I POINTED OUT THAT ZAIRE, GABON AND ZAMBIA ARE AFRAID THAT A REAL DEFEAT IN THE SOUTHERN ZONE WOULD MAKE THE MPLA EVEN MORE INTRANSIGENT AGAINST NEGOTIATIONS. I ASKED GENSCHER WHAT HE FELT THE REACTION WOULD BE IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS ANNOUNCED

THEIR WITHDRAWALS TOMORROW, BUT HE AND LAHN APPEARED SKEPTICAL BECAUSE THEY FELT THE SOUTH AFRICANS COULD NOT GIVE UP PROTECTING THE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT FOR NAMIBIA. I NOTED THIS WAS NOT A FACTOR SINCE NO ONE EXPECTED SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW ITS PROTECTIVE FORCE THERE.

8. GENSCHER ALSO ASKED ABOUT OUR CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. I TOLD HIM THAT THE FIRST SOVIET RESPONSE HAD BEEN PROPAGANDIST BUT THE SECOND WAS MORE NUANCED. I INDICATED THAT PRAVDA NOW APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE ON THE DEFENSIVE BUT THAT ITS REMARKS ABOUT A POSSIBLE SOVIET PULL-OUT MIGHT JUST BE PROPAGANDA. GENSCHER SAID THE GERMANS ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET TONE ON ANGOLA IS NOW MORE DEFENSIVE THAN BEFORE, BUT THEY ARE NOT SURE WHAT THIS MEANS.

9. GENSCHER ALSO ASKED ME WHAT WE WOULD DO IF OUR EFFORTS WERE TO FAIL. HE ASKED WHAT WE HAD PLANNED FOR THAT. I SAID WE HOPED THE OAU RESULTS AND SOME STABILIZATION ON THE GROUND WOULD EXERT PRESSURE ON THE MPLA TO NEGOTIATE. I ADDED THAT THE UN WAS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED DURING MY VISIT AND THAT SOME AFRICAN STATES APPEARED READY TO TAKE THE ISSUE TO THE UN IN VIEW OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IF THE OAU APPEARED UNABLE TO DEAL WITH IT. AHIDJO POINTED OUT TO ME THAT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WE WOULD HAVE A MAJORITY OF FOUR PERMANENT MEMBERS AGAINST ONE.

10. IN PARTING, GENSCHER EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING AND REITERATED THE GERMAN READINESS TO COORDINATE WITH US AT ADDIS ABABA. HE AND LAHN ALSO SAID THAT THEY WISHED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH
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11. COMMENT: I WAS PERHAPS MORE UP-BEAT THAN IS WARRANTED BUT I BELIEVE THIS WAS NECESSARY TO COUNTER THE GERMAN PESSIMISM.
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